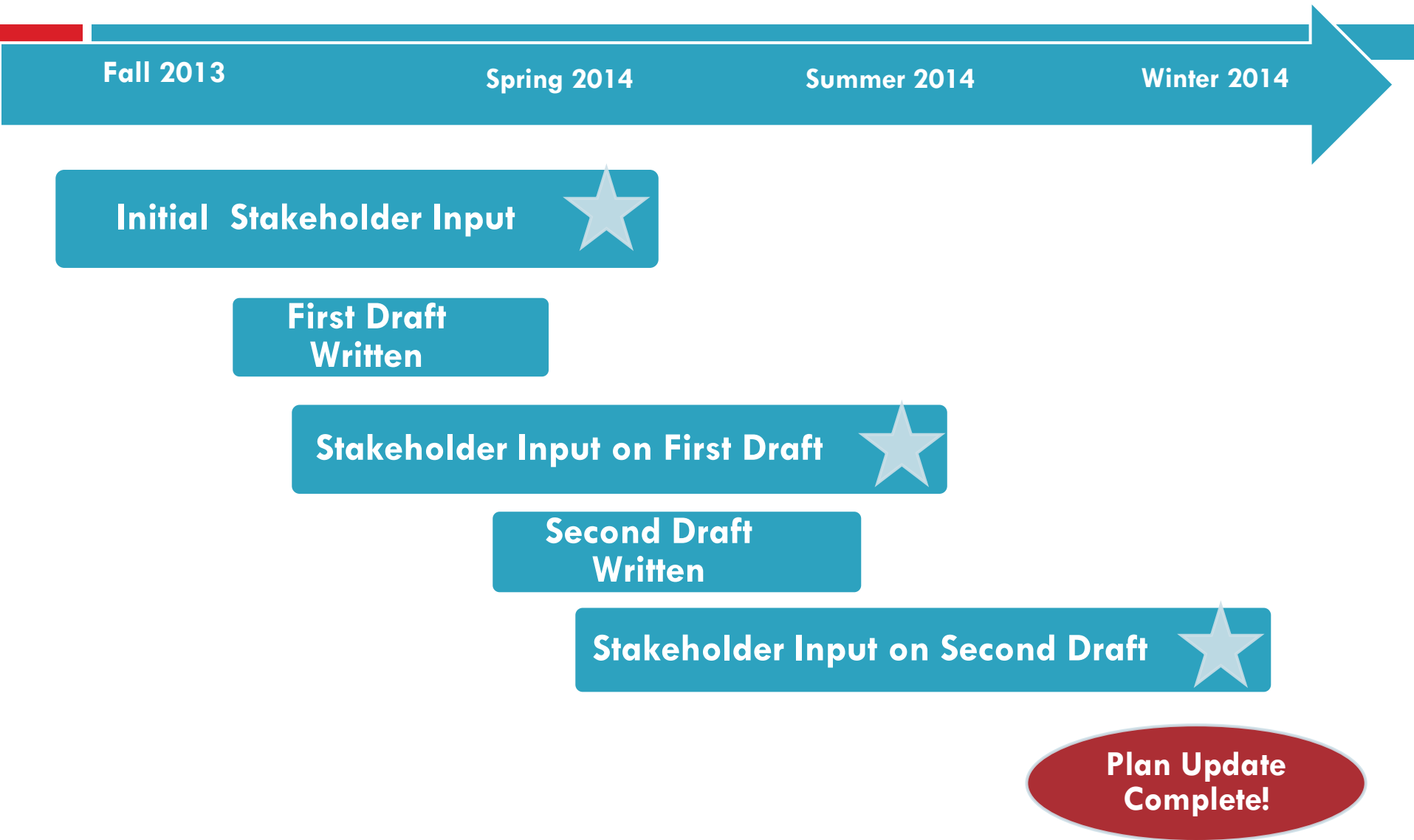


STATE SOLID & HAZARDOUS WASTE PLAN UPDATE COMMENTS

Washington Dept of Ecology
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State Waste Plan Update Timeline



Questions We Asked



1. What do you need in the state solid and hazardous waste plan to make it most useful for you and your community?
2. Thinking of an ideal solid and hazardous waste management system, statewide or in your area, what are some key elements and actions to include in the plan update, especially for the next five years?
3. Do you have any overall advice to Ecology on this plan update?

Who We Heard From

- ❑ **Local Government SWACs, Groups, staff - 36**
- ❑ **Solid waste collection companies or groups - 3**
- ❑ **Business groups or staff - 10**
- ❑ **Industry Associations - 2 (WRRRA; WSRA)**
- ❑ **Non-Governmental Orgs - 3**
- ❑ **Other state agencies - 4**
- ❑ **Citizens - 4**
- ❑ **Anonymous - 20**

Also:

- ❑ **Ecology Staff - meetings for SW & HW; surveys for other staff**
- ❑ **Federal Govt - EPA**
- ❑ **Other government-Sound Transit**

What We Heard - 1

Some Very Common Comments

□ **Funding!**

- ▣ new mechanisms, more money for more things, and for struggling communities

□ **Education / Communication / Information/ TA**

- ▣ more of all

□ **Data**

- ▣ address what and how we measure, better reports

□ **Toxics**

- ▣ concerns, prioritize, safer alternatives, MRW funds

More of What We Heard - 2

More Very Common Comments

- **Urban / Rural issues** -“one size does not fit all!”
- **Address current system**
 - ▣ include disposal and franchise system
- **Recycling needs work**
 - ▣ comingled issues, consistencies, glass
- **Producer Responsibility/Product Stewardship** – more
- **Support waste hierarchy**
 - ▣ more prevention; move upstream

Still More of What We Heard - 3

Additional Comment Themes

- ❑ **Reuse** needs more focus
- ❑ **Packaging** is a problem
- ❑ **Regulations:** calls for both more and less, consistent, better, they inhibit innovation, and we need innovation to turn waste to resources
- ❑ **Infrastructure:** fund it, need more, upgrade, have in place before you push programs

Still More of What We Heard - 4

More Additional Comment Themes

- ❑ **Markets:** we need more, help develop these
- ❑ **Food waste:** more focus on prevention, reuse, composting or digesting, etc.
- ❑ **Compost contamination,** including bio-plastics
- ❑ Build more **partners** and more collaboration with current partners
- ❑ Clarify **state vs. local** role

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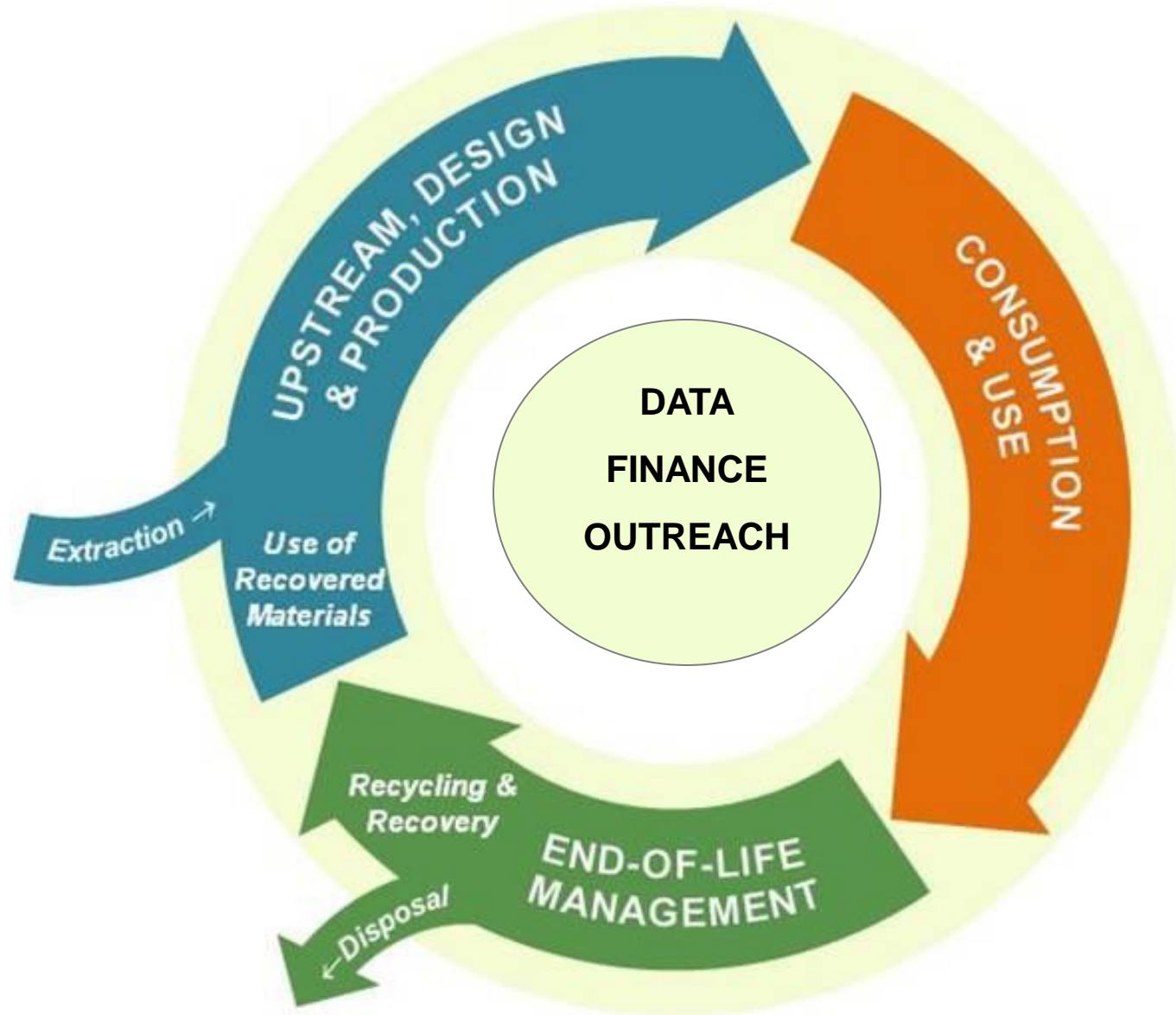
- ☐ ***Do these comments resonate with you?***

Some Conundrums



- ❑ Provide more consistency AND provide more flexibility
- ❑ No more regulations, no unfunded mandates AND more bans on use and disposal
- ❑ Set BIG goals AND set achievable, flexible goals
- ❑ Deal with the current system AND keep big vision

A model to help us with our thinking



Next Steps...



- *Finish summarizing comments for public*
- *Next – draft new recommendations and actions based on input*
- *Get more stakeholder review on draft...*